

FIELD GUIDE TO Hasidic haberdashery



On Shabbat or for special occasions like weddings, married men in most Hasidic groups (including the Satmars in Williamsburg) wear the *shtreimel*, a round fur hat made of sable—and which costs a couple grand or more.



Hasidim from the Ger sect in Borough Park, meanwhile, favor the *spodik*, which is just like a *shtreimel* but taller. The *spodik* is made of foxtail and can cost up to \$1,000.



The Lubavitcher Hasidim (based in Crown Heights) aren't so into flash: They wear plain black *yeshivish* fedoras, sometimes with the front rim turned down, as trendsetter (and the late Lubavitcher spiritual leader) Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson is said to have done.



Weekdays (and usually only in winter), some Hasidim wear *samet* hats, ubiquitous black toppers with a felt, velvet or rabbit-fur finish. Satmar sport the flat *samets*; most other sects are partial to the higher style. The Ger group wears only felt-finished hats (no rabbit fur for them), and the Satmar wear felt hats on weekdays and rabbit-fur hats or *shtreimel* on Shabbat.